

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated below.

1. (Currently Amended) A coating material comprising
 - (A) at least one ~~kind of~~ hydrophobic nanoparticles based on silica and
 - (B) at least one ~~kind of~~ hydrophilic nanoparticles based on silica having a BET internal surface area of $> 300 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$.
2. (Currently Amended) The coating material ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic nanoparticles (B) have a BET internal surface area of $> 340 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$.
3. (Currently Amended) The coating material ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the weight ratio of hydrophobic nanoparticles (A) to hydrophilic nanoparticles (B) is from 1:4 to 4:1.
4. (Currently Amended) The coating material ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 3, wherein the (A):(B) weight ratio is from 3:7 to 7:3.
5. (Currently Amended) The coating material ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 4, wherein the (A):(B) weight ratio is from 2:3 to 3:2.
6. (Currently Amended) The coating material ~~as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the primary particle size of the nanoparticles (A) and (B) is $< 35 \text{ nm}$.
7. (Currently Amended) The coating material ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 6, wherein the primary particle size is $< 20 \text{ nm}$.

8. (Currently Amended) The coating material ~~as claimed in~~ claim 7, wherein the primary particle size is < 10 nm.

9. (Currently Amended) The coating material ~~as claimed in any of claims 1 to 8~~, wherein the hydrophobic nanoparticles (A) are ~~preparable~~obtained by surface modification of pyrogenic silica.

10. (Currently Amended) The coating material ~~as claimed in any of claims 1 to 9~~, wherein the hydrophilic nanoparticles (B) are ~~composed of~~comprise pyrogenic silica.

11. (Currently Amended) The coating material ~~as claimed in any of claims 1 to 10~~, comprising the nanoparticles (A) and (B) in an amount of from 0.3 to 6% by weight, based on the ~~overall amount~~total weight of the coating material.

12. (Currently Amended) The coating material ~~as claimed in~~ claim 11, comprising the nanoparticles (A) and (B) in an amount of from 0.8 to 3% by weight, based on the ~~overall~~total weight of the coating material~~amount~~.

13. (Currently Amended) The coating material as claimed in claim 12, comprising the nanoparticles (A) and (B) in an amount of from 1 to 2.4% by weight, based on the ~~overall amount~~total weight of the coating material.

14. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing the coating material as ~~claimed in any of claims 1 to 13 by mixing its constituents and homogenizing the resulting mixture, which comprises~~comprising mixing and homogenizing the hydrophobic nanoparticles (A) and the hydrophilic nanoparticles (B) in the form of pigment pastes with the other constituents.

15. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a scratch-resistant coated surface, comprising applying the coating material of claim 1 to a surface~~The use of the coating material as claimed in any of claims 1 to 13 or of the coating material prepared~~

by the process as claimed in claim 14 for producing scratch-resistant transparent coatings, moldings, and films.

16. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 15 wherein the coating material of claim 1 is in the form of a molding or a film~~The use of the coating material as claimed in any of claims 1 to 13 as a clear and transparent clearcoat as part of multicoat color and/or effect paint systems.~~

17. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 15 wherein the coating material is at least one component of an automotive multicoat paint system~~The use of the multicoat paint systems of claim 16 in automobile finishing.~~